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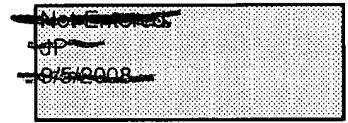
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PATENT -- AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
Response Under 37 CFR 1.116--Expedited  
Procedure - Examining Group 2154

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael R. Burke, et al.. : Date: August 28, 2008  
Group Art Unit: 2154 : IBM Corporation  
Examiner: J. Park : Intellectual Property Law  
Serial No.: 10/767,043 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
Filed: January 29, 2004 : 3605 Highway 52 North  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : Rochester, MN 55901  
MANAGING A CONNECTION POOL : Conf No.: 4830  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding objections and rejections of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

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